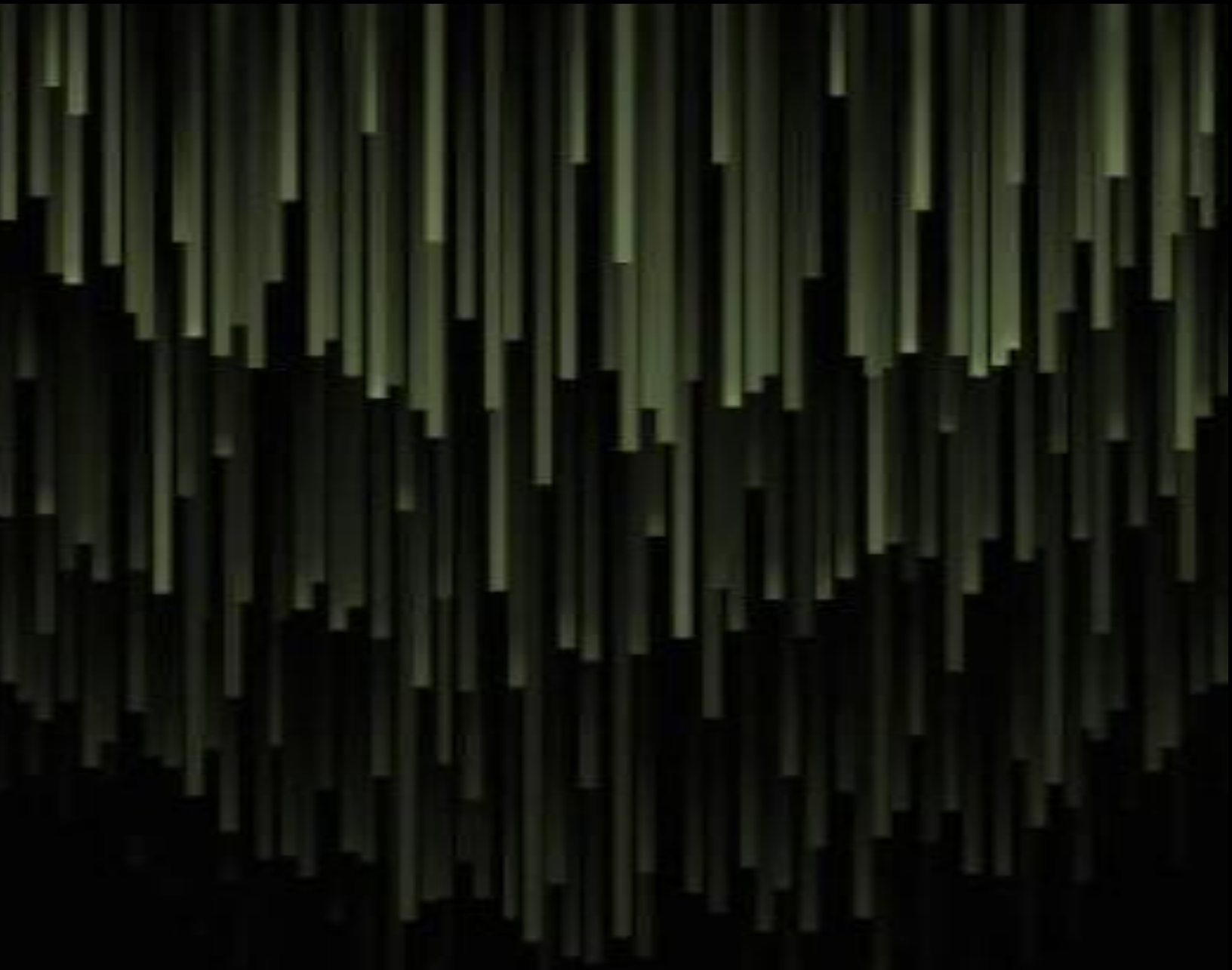


April 24

Isaiah 1:2-9

**“Corrupters –OR–
a Remnant”**



² Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for **the LORD hath spoken**, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. ³ The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. ⁴ Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are **corrupters**: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are

gone away backward. ⁵ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

⁶ From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. ⁷ Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land,

strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. ⁹ Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us **a very small remnant**, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

That “very small

remnant” is not described
in this passage.

It is, however, understood
that they are the exact

opposite of the
“corrupters”, which are
vividly characterized.

How do corrupters
behave?

Though nurtured, they
rebel against that care.

As some say,

“they don’t know and
they don’t want to know”.
They openly reject God.
Verse 3 indicates that
though even
animals know their
owners and how to return
to them, these rebellious
people don’t have that
much sense.

They are filled with sin
and wickedness as were

evil-doers before them.
They provoke God, have
gone backward,
and seemingly with no
reason for doing so. They
just get worse and worse,
through and through, top
to bottom.

The corrupters are as
rotting, festering, open
sores and they use
nothing for healing. They

are spiritually
desolate all around.

They don't even realize
that it's the existence of
that tiny remnant which
keeps them from total
annihilation as was done
to the cities of Sodom
and Gomorrah after
God's own people
were removed.

That very small minority
of souls are the ones who
are thought of as “weird”;
the oppressed and
isolated ones who are
often ignored or rejected
in general society.

**Here's an
important
question:**

When we personally
examine our own lives,

do we find
a greater similarity to
the corrupters or
to the remnant?